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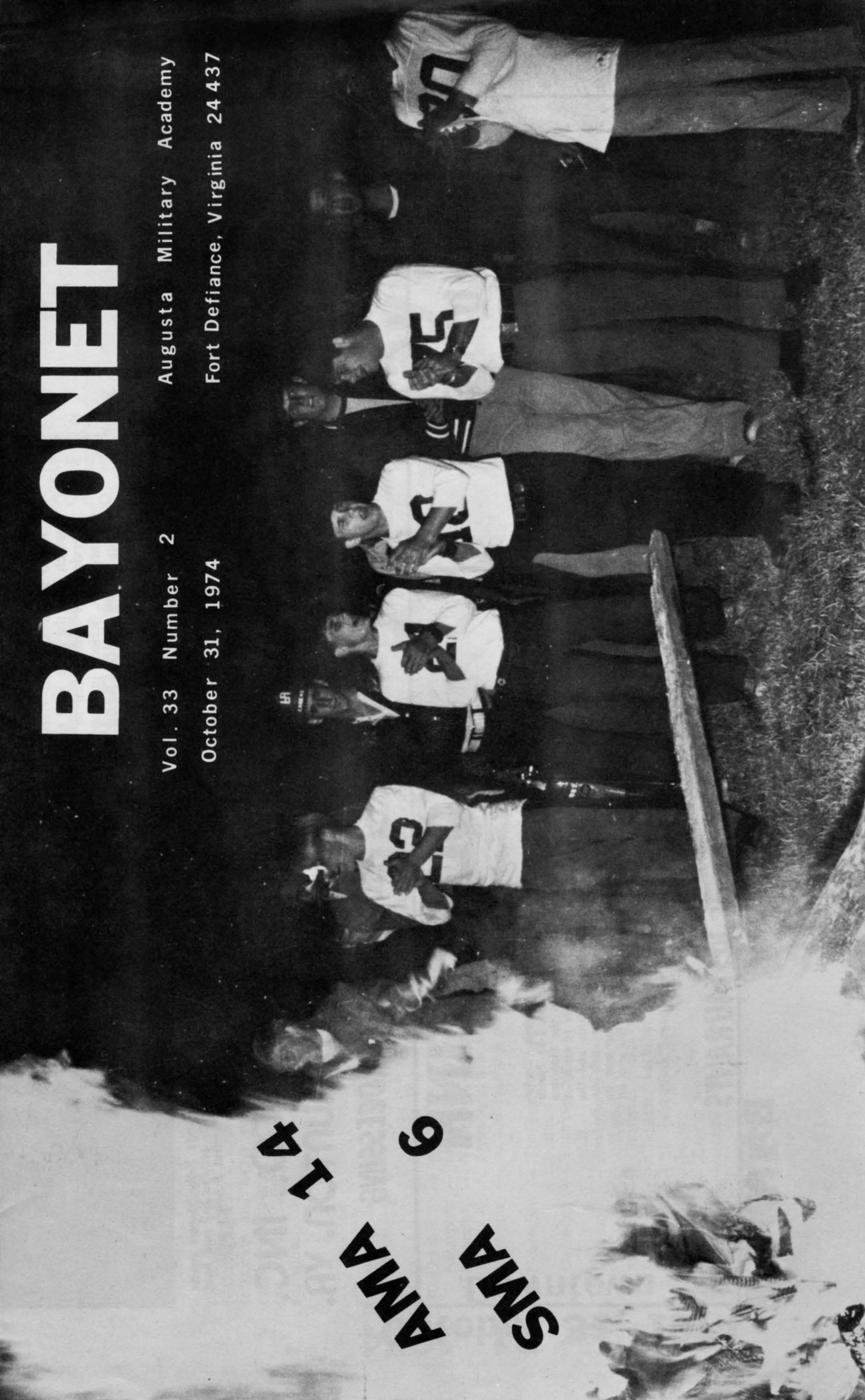
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# New people, new rules, old friends

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by David Langley

Bewildered in a totally new environment, new cadets were traipsed around the school with intermittent stops at their rooms, the uniform room, the book room and of course, the finance office. Then upon the departure of his parents, he donned his new attire and went in search of friendship.

On September 18, the remainder of the cadet corps returned. Returning to what they thought would be the same old grind, they found that it had changed.

Most changes were made from the military standpoint. One was the requirement of all cadets, new and old, to be in full uniform when in uniform. Another military change was to be found in the Sunday parade, which is conducted by manual now.

Barracks life also demonstrated definite change. New cadets outnumbered old cadets for the first time in recent memory.

The Mess Hall changed with all meal, except breakfast, being served family style. At lunch a faculty officer is assigned to each table.

Another large change was found in academics with stress being placed here in the realm of study. Then came a change in the attitude of the cadet with a deeper interest in proving himself. These cadets want to be a part of the best cadet corps.

Indians to the left of me, Indians to the right of me, Indians behind me was the cry of all cadets sitting in the barber's chair. After the loss of his summer growth, the cadet began to realize he was into the swing of things.

Following a hectic week, an array of new and old faces, both faculty and student gathered at the home of Col. and Mrs. Malcolm Livick. They were quite a mixed group, to say the least, as a few had not seen the barber yet. The occasion for this get-together on September 20 was an innovation of the Livick household.

No opening would be complete without a mixer with Stuart Hall and Fairfax Hall. This allowed the cadets to meet new girls and for some to visit old friends.

Monday, however, bought the grind of a full day of classes and drill. School was in session.



Quick response, quick answer. Lt. David West challenges his class with a math problem.

by Jim Favors

## Math department adds

$VMI^4 + BS^1 + SMA^1 = AMA^{74}$ . That's the equation which spells out Lt. Stuart Seaton, Augusta's latest addition to the mathematics department. A graduate of Virginia Military Institute with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, Lt. Seaton previously taught at Staunton Military Academy.

When asked how he likes Augusta, he replied that he enjoys working with the faculty and student body. He continued by saying that he likes how the school is trying to turn the students into hard workers.

During his off hours, Lt. Seaton, a bachelor, enjoys outdoor activities including hunting and fishing.



Enraptured by the soccer match, Lt. Stuart Seaton finds a moment to relax and enjoy the game.

## Fifth grade headed West

by James Favors

"It drives me crazy." "I've learned to live with it." "It's nice to listen to during formation."

If you haven't guessed who everyone is talking about, it's Lt. David West and his music. Lt. West is one of Augusta's latest additions to the faculty.

After graduating from Tusculum College in Tennessee with a B.S. degree, Lt. West taught at Eastern Shore Academy at Hallwood, Virginia. Lt. West, also, has an elementary and secondary teaching certificate.

He is currently teaching fourth and fifth grades and seventh grade spelling. When not playing his music, he is helping out by transporting students to and from Stuart Hall.

Lt. West sees a challenging year ahead and with the help of the students, as well as the faculty, this will be one of the best years at Augusta.



At last with a free moment, Lt. J. Gordon Coleman reflects on the day's events and wonders what the future may hold.

## Lower school finds father

by Michael Arrington

Affectionately known as Papa Munchkin, Lt. J. Gordon Coleman is a new member of the English department.

With a B.A. degree from Hampden Sydney College, Lt. Coleman is challenging students on five levels of English. Doubling as F Company housefather, however, leaves him with little free time.

Most recently having served as a counselor at Covington Boys' Home, Lt. (then Spec. 4) Coleman served near Hue, Vietnam as an interpreter. He was once wounded in the dangerous game of Volleyball with the local Vietnamese. Dislocating his knee, his leg was in a cast for three weeks.

Hobbies of Lt. Coleman include bullfighting and other outdoor sports. Lt. Coleman has spent much of his time during the first weeks of school seeing that the boys of lower school were settled in and adjusted to life at Augusta, which has earned him the respect and admiration of those who call him Papa Munchkin.



Hamburger helpers serve Brett Thompson, Mike Payne and David Langley at the cook-out held at White Hall, the residence of Col. and Mrs. M. H. Livick, during the opening of school.

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# TWO Esprit de corps excels

by Glenn Keller

Returning old cadets were not surprised to find that Major Merlyn Wright and Sgt. Donald Barger had effected their exodus. However, what did surprise them was that along with Major John Dompe, the new SAI, an old hand had returned to Augusta in Sgt. Donald Studer.

After leaving here in 1971, Sgt. Studer spent a tour in Vietnam, followed that one at McArthur Military Academy. Finding himself pulled out of McArthur, he noticed an opening at Augusta and began to pull strings. The strings worked and he was here.

Major John Dompe comes to us after a tour of duty in Bangkok, Thailand. He has never attempted this sort of assignment before and finds it interesting and challenging. He, along with his wife and two daughters, is currently residing in the house near Willow Spout, which Major Wright formerly occupied.

All three of the Military Department personnel have become full involved at Augusta with each taking on one sort of extracurricular activity or another. For the third year, Sgt. Sivert (Joe) Josephson is the varsity football coach. Sgt. Studer is tackling the rifle team, while Major Dompe is assisting Cw4 Maxwell Hutton with the Roller Rifles.

The overall atmosphere seems optimistic for a good year. All seem to agree that they would like to see drill performed more accordingly with the manual. Sgt. Studer is enthusiastic about a very young rifle team, and he hopes to build for the future.

All feel that the corps is up and coming this year and Sgt. Studer remarked that "military learning and esprit de corps" were excellent.

Discussing military matters are Augusta's latest arrivals, SAI Major John Dompe (right) and SFC Donald Studer.



## Alumni Continue Aid

by David Langley

October 6 marked the annual Alumni Board of Directors meeting. Routine reports were heard by the board while the major topic of interest lied in the continuation of the fund drive for the new infirmary. Among the reports one on the build of the new infirmary came from V. P. Leavel, Bill Ditto and Elliott Ridge.

Climaxing the session, however, was the alumni's opportunity to view their investment which was nearing completion.

Among other topics discussed was Alumni Weekend, May 8, 1975, with planning being done by the entire board. In addition a committee was created to nominate next year's board members. Members of this committee are Doug Nemire '59, chairman, P. K. Long '51 and V. P. Leavel '38.

After completing the business at hand, the alumni were the guests of Col. and Mrs. Malcolm H. Livick. Ending the meeting with relaxation and warm conversation, all are eagerly anticipating the growing strength of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association.

## New scientist

Joining the faculty with summer school was Lt. Willard L. Shirkey, III of Broadway. Lt. Shirkey is an instructor in general science and mathematics. Beginning his sixth year of teaching, Lt. Shirkey has previously taught at Page County (Va.) High School and at Fishburne Military Academy.

After graduating from Baltimore Junior College with an A.A. degree in Civil Engineering, Lt. Shirkey later attended Madison College where he received a B.S. degree in general science, physics, and education.

Continuing his education, he is presently attending the University of Virginia and is working towards a master's degree in general science and education.

Married and the father of three children, Lt. Shirkey's hobbies include astronomy and UFO research. Another interest of his is gerontological research.

To make science interesting is Lt. Willard Shirkey's first goal.



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by James Favors

In an interview with Col. Malcolm H. Livick, Superintendent, and Col. Charles E. Savedge, Dean of students, the Bayonet obtained views concerning the academic outlook for the 1974-1975 school session.

Among the questions put to Col. Livick was one in which he was asked about the improvements he wishes to see. He clearly stated that he would like to see every student with a sincere desire to learn and apply himself. This would lead us into an area that would enable the teacher to devote more time to his overall course content.

When Col. Livick was asked if he had seen any academic improvements so far, he stated that prior to the school year and since the beginning of the 1974-1975 session, the main topics at the faculty meetings has been how to improve academics. The major emphasis was on how to improve instructing the student how to study. Since school has started five weeks ago, it is hard to evaluate what progress has been made.

The last question concerned private education and what Col. Livick felt was the purpose of private education overall. He stated that independent or private education gives parents a choice where to educate their children. Private education not only provides good sound academic programs, but also prepares young people morally, physically, and spiritually. Private education also offers great responsibility to instill a love of country and respect for the institutions of the country. Col. Savedge reflected the same views in an interview.

Q: What are your views on education today? Col. Savedge: I feel that learning more and getting better grades is the important thing today.

Q: What do you feel is most important at AMA?

Col. Savedge: I feel that total education is the most important at AMA.

Q: What is your advice for making better grades?

Col. Savedge: Every student should make good use of Study Hall and properly prepare his work for the following day.

Q: Do you have any more comments concerning academics?

Col. Savedge: Yes, it is a fact that Augusta has won more Naval and ROTC scholarships than any other military school in Virginia.

Overall the 1974-1975 school session at Augusta is a bright one. Both faculty and students are working together in an effort to make it a real learning opportunity for all.

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## Can you wait ?

- 26 October — Parents' Day
- 30 October — end of soccer season
- 7 November — end of football season
- 11 November — Veterans Day  
(parade in Harrisonburg)
- 22 November — second marking period ends
- 26 November — Thanksgiving vacation begins
- 1 December — Thanksgiving vacation ends
- 2 December — Basketball season begins at Lynchburg College JV
- 18 December — Christmas vacation begins
- 6 January — Christmas vacation ends
- 9 January — JV basketball season begins
- 27 January — Exams begin
- 30 January — second semester begins

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# Football kicks off

by Christopher Veitck

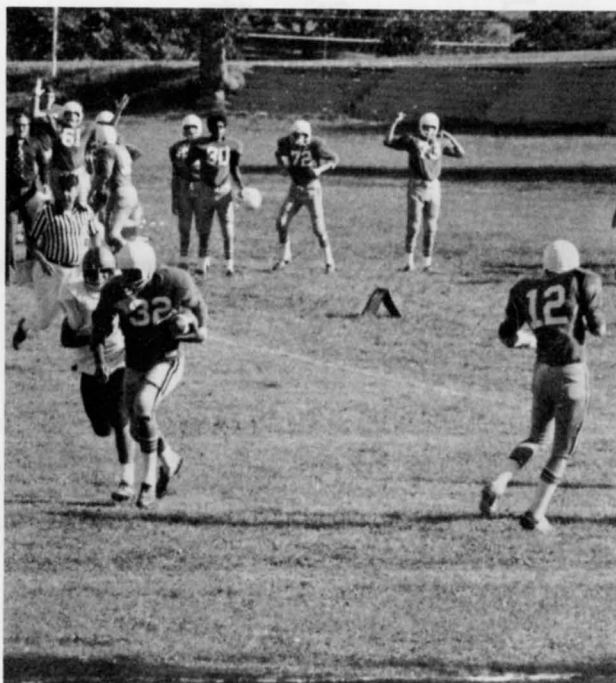
Return to school a week and a half early! Who in their right mind would do that?

Twenty-three eager cadets did just this. On September 8 the football team returned to begin practice for the 1974 season.

After three weeks of practicing, the Streaks journeyed to Fork Union Military Academy. Defeated 6-0, Augusta found first game jitters and injuries a more formidable opponent than was Fork Union. With two touchdowns nullified by penalties, the Streaks considered the game a moral victory for Augusta.

Wanting a win, AMA did not let the opportunity pass them by. Hargrave Military Academy became the victim 31-0. Standouts of the game included Tom White, who scored one touchdown and Mike Bocoock and Half-back Rick Jones, who each scored twice. For Augusta's defense Dave Brown and Charlie Livick were successful in containing Hargrave's offense.

Staunton Military and Fisburne Military Academies are next in line. Both games with these cross county rivals should provide motivation and desire to be victorious.



Leading Augusta to a 31-0 win over Hargrave, Rick Jones (32) heads for the goal line after receiving a pinpoint pass.



Headed for the finish line, Glenn Keller receives encouragement from coach Lt. Kenneth Pfeifer as the cross country team participated in their first meet. While Augusta's runners did not carry away any honors, they once again show that Augusta's cadets will persist in the face of adversity.

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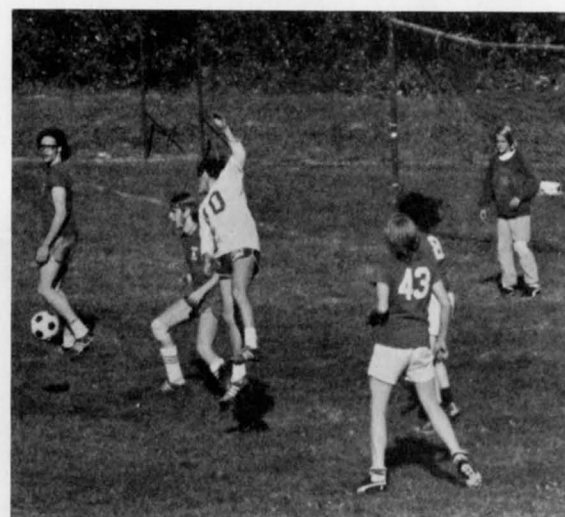
by Christopher Veitck

With only a remnant of last year's team, Col. Paul Hoover, soccer coach, enlisted all eager and some not so eager new cadets to form the nucleus of a high spirited team. Confident that they could improve over last year's record of 3-3-1, the soccer players, after only two weeks of practice entered into battle.

Opponent Tandem School of Charlottesville proved to be no match for the fired-up team. 5-1 gave the victory to Augusta. Scorers for the game were Paul Mudamara and David Howard with two goals each and Felix Montes with one. Golie Keith Sterling aided the Blue Streaks defense.

With a win under their belts, Augusta ventured to Harrisonburg to face a powerful and always dangerous opponent in Eastern Mennonite High School. Score: Eastern Mennonite 15; Augusta 0.

Returning to the safety of the home field, the soccer team next played Albemarle County High School. While the game ended in a 1-1 tie, the Streaks again proved that dedication and team spirit pay off in the long run.



Look out below says Felix Montes (white shirt) as he strives to get the ball and boot it into opponent, Tandem School's goal.

## Did you know

that Roller Rifles will be appearing at half-time of several Virginia Squires basketball games . . . that CW4 Maxwell M. Hutton and Major John Dompe are sponsoring the Roller Rifles . . . that Marquis Food Service which runs the Mess Hall now provides food services for Stuart Hall in Staunton and St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock . . . that during the first week of school a war of wits led to many people volunteering for school publications, Bayonet and Recall . . . that the basketball team will play such promising opponents as the University of Virginia JV team . . .

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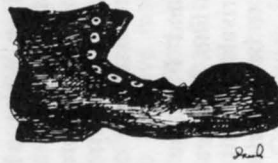
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